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Art Unit: 2153

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Title: Method of Combining Internet Protocols for Session Setup, Teardown,  
Authentication, Authorization and Accounting Using Differentiated Services Model

**STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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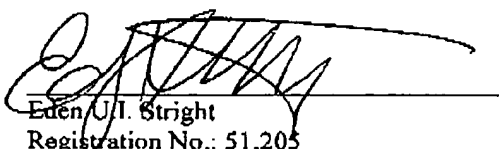
Sir:

Please advise us in writing as to the status of the claim for priority in the above-noted application. Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on February 4, 2002, citing the priority claim in the above-noted case along with a Supplemental Application Data Sheet, but have not yet received any reply nor has the continuity data been amended in the Patent Application Information Retrieval system (PAIR). Applicants further filed a Request for Acknowledgement of Claim for Priority on November 30, 2004, and have received no response to the request. A further Supplemental Application Data Sheet is attached herewith for the Office's convenience along with a copy of the Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants request that an updated Official Filing Receipt be issued in order to acknowledge the claim for priority in the above-noted application.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION DATA SHEET****Application Information**

Application Number:: 09/435,540  
Filing Date:: 11/08/99  
Application Type:: Regular  
Subject Matter:: Utility  
Title:: METHOD OF COMBINING INTERNET PROTOCOLS  
FOR SESSION SETUP, TEARDOWN,  
AUTHENTICATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND  
ACCOUNTING USING THE DIFFERENTIATED  
SERVICES MODEL  
Attorney Docket Number:: RIC99057  
Suggested Drawing Figure:: 1  
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**Domestic Priority Information**

Application::	Continuity Type::	Parent Application::	Parent Filing Date::
This Application	Non-Provisional of	60/163,913	11/05/99

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, prior to the Background of the Invention Section, please amend the specification by deleting the section entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" and replace with the following:

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*Bu* —This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional application Serial No. 60/163,913, filed November 5, 1999.--

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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

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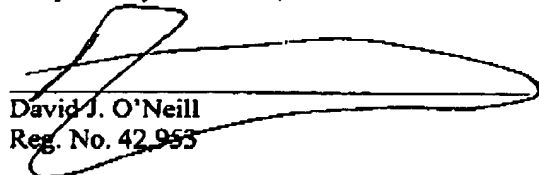
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully submits that the changes made in the specification do not introduce any new matter. The changes on the first page is to correct an error in the Preliminary Amendment submitted November 21, 2000 and to change an internal number and update the status of the provisional application of which is priority is claimed in this Application. If the Office feels that it is necessary for further discussion, the undersigned attorney can be reached at (202)-736-6651.

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